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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON MINAO TSUCHIYA, NEW GOJ AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN

1. FOLLOWING IS BIODATA ON MINAO TSUCHIYA, NAMED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN ON JULY 5. TSUCHIYA (54) HAS SERVED AS MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA SINCE JUNE 1971.

2. CAREER DIPLOMAT TSUCHIYA ENTERED MOFA IN 1943 AFTER GRADUATION FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY. AFTER BRIEF TOUR IN CHINA (1944), HE WAS ASSIGNED IN SUCCESSION TO CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE (CONTACT POINT WITH OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES), PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AND ECONOMIC BUREAU. HE WAS ALSO DETAILED TO MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) FOR SHORT PERIODS IN 1949 AND 1953. FROM 1954 TO 1956, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO PAKISTAN AS THIRD SECRETARY. BACK IN TOKYO, HE NEXT SERVED IN ASIAN AND LATER AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAUS (1956-60). IN 1960, TSUCHIYA WAS TRANSFERRED TO URAGUAY AS FIRST SECRETARY (1960-62) AND THEN TO PERU (1962-64). PROMOTED TO COUNSELOR, TSUCHIYA WAS NEXT ASSIGNED TO LATIN AMERICAN BUREAU (1964-66). BETWEEN 1966-69, HE SERVED IN MOFA PROTOCOL SECTION. IN 1969 TSUCHIYA WAS POSTED TO MADRAS AS CONSUL GENERAL. IN 1971 HE WAS NAMED MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA.

3. TSUCHIYA IS DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN OFFICER IN MADRAS AS IMPECCABLY CORRECT AND EXTREMELY PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS. HIS STIFF, FORMAL DEMEANOR, HOWEVER, IS MORE RELAXED IN SMALL GATHERINGS.

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HE IS CAPABLE, HARD-WORKING PROFESSIONAL. TSUCHIYA AND HIS

WIFE SPEAK ENGLISH AND SPANISH REASONABLY WELL. MRS. TSUCHIYA,
DESPITE SHY DEMEANOR, HAS GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR AND IS CHARMING
HOSTESS. THE TSUCHIYAS HAVE 2 SONS NOW IN THEIR MID- 20'S.

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